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Subject: Docket No. 2019-226-E -- South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-37-40 and Integrated Resource Plans for Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated

Dear Parties of Record:

In regards to the upcoming hearing scheduled in this Docket to begin on Monday, September 21st, at 10:00 a.m., and on behalf of the Commission, I am requesting that an alternate week be set aside in this matter as the South Carolina General Assembly has elections for Public Service Commission Seats 1, 3, 5, and 7 planned for Wednesday, September 23, 2020.

Please check your calendars for the week of October 12th thru October 16th and advise regarding availability of you and your witnesses for the hearing in this docket at that time; however, do not release the currently schedule hearing dates on your calendar (9/21-9/30) as the Commission would like to hear the matter at that time if possible. The September hearing date will be an alternate reserved hearing date should the General Assembly not hold elections for the four referenced seats of the Public Service Commission in accordance with the Sine Die Resolution S.1126 or the State Regulation of the Public utilities Review Committee (PURC).

The Sine Die Resolution provides that the General Assembly will return on September 15th and it is expected to address budget matters first during that week. (i.e., Section (D) of the Resolution states "...the General Assembly shall stand in recess to meet in statewide session on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 12:00 noon and continue in statewide session, if necessary, until not later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2020...."). If the General Assembly does not hold a Joint Assembly for the election of judicial offices, college boards, trustees, and public

service commissioners as planned, it would be known closer to the time near that of the 15th of September.

It is important to plan that the hearing in this docket will be moved by a couple of weeks to accommodate the change due to commissioner elections; however, due to statutory guidelines and limitations on this matter, the Commission is limited in its options and your accommodation is appreciated. It is expected that this hearing will be moved to October. If the elections are not held in September as planned, the Commission wants to have the option for hearing to proceed as originally planned which is why you are being asked at this time to continue to hold those September dates until otherwise advised to release them.

No changes in the procedural schedule are being proposed or needed related to this hearing date change. (i.e., prefiled Rebuttal Testimony due on August 14, 2020, or prefiled Surrebuttal Testimony due on September 4, 2020).

Please (1) keep the current hearing date for week of September 21st reserved until advised to release such hearing date and (2) advise of the availability for the week of October 12th thru October 16th. Remember the hearing in this Docket whether in September or October is expected at this time to be conducted virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related risks.

Thank you for your consideration.

With kind regards, I am

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